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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Members present: Christopher Brown, Chairman, Stoughton Smead, Robert McMaster and George Reich.

Staff: Melissa Graves

Discussion Oakland Street Forest Management Project - UPDATE

The bid opening for this project was scheduled for 3:30 today and there were no bids received. As frustrating as it is, Carmine suggested that the Commission consider putting the project back out to bid in a few months. The market fluctuates so much depending on loggers schedules, season, supply and demand.

Discussion Three Rivers Road Forest Management Project - Update

The property lines were marked in the field according to the proposed forest cutting plan. The property known as 16R Deer Run will not be included in the forest cutting plan at this time. Licensed Forester Carmine Angeloni will begin marking the trees to harvest.

Discussion 694 Glendale Road (Enforcement Order)

Present: Pete Levesque, Wetlands Consultants, Inc and property owner John Pezzetta
Mr. Pezzetta hired Pete Levesque to prepare a restoration plan for unpermitted activities in Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and associated buffer zones. Activities included installing a gravel driveway, cutting vegetation and fill along Glendale Road. The restoration work proposed is to grade the gravel fill along the tree belt to a 3:1 slope and loam/seed in addition to planting several native tree species along the bank of the intermittent stream/channel. He will also remove the fill surrounding the trees on the tree belt and 5' tree wells are proposed to prevent further impacts to the trees. The area of Japanese Knotweed that borders the northerly and southerly banks of the intermittent stream will be mowed regularly to help prevent further spreading. Per a request by Tonya Basch of the Wilbraham DPW, a flared end section and a 5' x 8' x 2' deep plunge pool is to be installed at the outlet of the southerly stream/channel utilizing field stone and riprap. Erosion controls will be in place per the submitted site plan and will remain in place until stabilized. The Conservation Commission agreed with the proposal and requests Mr. Pezzetta retain Mr. Levesque for overseeing the project and submitting progress reports as the restoration progresses.

Bruuer Pond Dredging Project – Update

Project Coordinator Danielle Desmaris gave the Commission an update on the progress of the Bruuer Pond Dredging Project. The pond sediment removal is complete at this time and the equipment is being removed from the site. The erosion control measures will remain in place until the areas are stabilized. Wetland plants were planted. Ms. Demaris suggested having a dedication type event at Bruuer Pond in the spring.

Discussion 2048 Boston Road – Request to Donate Land

The owner offered to donate this parcel to the Town. A memo from the Wilbraham Engineering Department Head Ed Miga indicated that drainage from Boston Road goes to this property and under the railroad tracks and ultimately goes to the Chicopee River. Mr. Miga felt that this would be a valuable resource for the State and that Mr. Cantalini should pursue giving the parcel to them. The permitting, funding and planning would be a daunting task. Commission member Stoughton Smead would like continue researching if this would be a good project for the Town to consider. Chairman Christopher Brown indicated he would be in touch with Ed Miga and invite him to a future meeting to discuss the opportunities.

Discussion 6 Decorie Drive (update)

There is no new information at this time and this item will be on future agendas until it is resolved.

Commission member George Reich was called to the Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:30 so the Conservation Commission did not have a quorum to continue the public meeting. The remaining items on the agenda including the minutes from August 8th and 22nd were tabled until the meeting scheduled on September 26, 2016.

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:40 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

Christopher Brown, Chairman

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